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## FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

This is a national phase filing of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/012999, filed November 17, 2004.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Copies of the International Search Report dated February 23, 2005, and the International Preliminary Report on Patentability dated December 20, 2005 are submitted herewith. Applicants also provide copies of the four (4) publications cited in the International Search Report. Great Britain Patent No. 1,526,377 also is discussed at Page 2 of the Specification.

In the International Preliminary Report on Patentability, claims were found to satisfy the criteria for novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a form PTO-1449 is attached. It is requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned once the above items are considered.

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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